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Japan's Trade Surplus Shrank In '87 but Widened With U.S.

almost entirely due to the rebound in oil prices. And some argued that Japan was shifting the weight of its surplus from the United States to Western Europe.

Republican Hopes Rise On Economic Outlook

By Peter T. Kilborn... WASHINGTON — The latest reports on the U.S. economy, including signs that the trade deficit is finally shrinking, have raised Republican hopes that the economy is settling into a course that could enhance the prospects of Republican candidates.

Israelis Set Police Powers Emergency Laws Invoked to End Jerusalem Strike

By John Kifner... JERUSALEM — Israel invoked emergency police powers Tuesday in East Jerusalem for the first time since it annexed the Arab sector 20 years ago.



Women running Tuesday to catch transportation from the El Bureij refugee camp to Gaza City, in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, after Israel lifted a curfew, allowing only women to leave the Palestinian district for a few hours to shop for food and supplies.

In Gaza, Calm Returns at a High Price

By Glenn Frankel... NUSSEIRAT, Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip — Ahmed Annouri opened the door of his refrigerator Tuesday morning, displaying its contents. There was a handful of bruised eggplants and moldy potatoes, a brown cauliflower and several tomatoes with blue and white spots.

Table with columns for EMPLOYMENT, GENERAL PRIME RATE, and other economic indicators.

NEWS ANALYSIS... dwell more on such issues as social problems, leadership, personal character and management skill.

Kiosk France Charges Arms Company

PARIS (Reuters) — French customs officials lodged an official complaint Tuesday against a state-owned arms company accused of selling more than 1,000 tons of explosives to Iran in defiance of an embargo.

Reagan Tells CIA to Send Contras Aid

WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan authorized the Central Intelligence Agency on Tuesday to resume airdrops of weapons to the Nicaraguan rebels. In Managua the government detained five opposition leaders.

Moscow Agrees to Let Israeli Diplomats Visit

By Celestine Bohlen... MOSCOW — A Soviet spokesman announced Tuesday that Soviet and Israeli diplomats, meeting in Helsinki, had discussed dates for a visit to Moscow by an Israeli consular team, the first such diplomatic trip by Israelis in more than 20 years.



GUARDING THE BALLOTS — Philippine election workers in Manila bringing in ballot boxes Tuesday to a government office for safekeeping following countywide local elections. A top military officer said a rightist plot to disrupt the voting had been uncovered and averted. Page 3.

Beyond Plato: Stanford Pushed to Rethink Western Culture

By Richard Bernstein... PALO ALTO, California — At Stanford University, they still talk of the day nearly a year ago when about 500 students, on a march with the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, came up with a slogan for the next generation.

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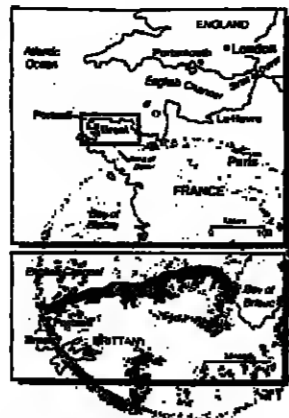
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Soviet Aide Urges NATO To Forgo New Arms

By Robert McCartney Washington Post Service BONN — The Soviet foreign minister, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, warned Tuesday that proposed deployments of new Western nuclear weapons as substitutes for those to be scrapped under last month's U.S.-Soviet treaty would "scuttle" recent progress in disarmament.

Breton Anger Swells Over 'Black Tide' Judgment

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service PORTSALL, France — Ten years later, Bretons remember the catastrophe they call La Marée Noire, the Black Tide, with the intensity with which Americans recall the moment President John F. Kennedy was shot.



The government and the communities affected by the spill filed claims totaling \$750 million. And in many France, the episode has taken on the essence of a morality tale: villagers pitted against the epitome of capitalism.

bat against Amoco," and appeal the judgment. Le Juge McGarr, as he is called, had been something of a hero in Brittany, ever since what Bretons say was his "courageous" 1984 judgment, placing the responsibility for polluting Brittany's beaches squarely on Amoco.

people around here think so: Le Juge McGarr was bought off by Amoco," said Victor Guizou, a red-faced, athletic-looking, fishing boat captain. Inevitably the judgment is being translated into a wider commentary about U.S. justice.

ond most popular summer resort of two tourist seasons. Tens of thousands of French soldiers, policemen, students, scientists and other volunteers worked for months to wash the rocks with hot water, scrape the beaches, treat the sea, remove the dead birds and fish and shove the sand dunes. Fishermen stopped fishing for four months. Millions of oysters, another big industry, had to be destroyed and the oyster beds needed three years to make a comeback.

Poland May Allow Alternative Service

By Jackson Diehl Washington Post Service WARSAW — The Polish government indicated Tuesday it was preparing to make an important concession to the country's political opposition by creating the Warsaw Pact's first program of alternative military service for conscientious objectors.

serve in civilian posts for twice the normal obligatory military term of two to three years. Mr. Urban also said that if the plan were adopted, courts could reconsider the cases of Freedom and Peace members imprisoned for refusing to enter the army.

Hungary and East Germany also have strictly limited programs for conscientious objectors allowing them to serve in unarmed military construction units. In Hungary, the waiver is usually only granted to Jehovah's Witnesses.

AIDS Expert Says Vaccine Is Far Off

According to Polish activists, a conscientious objector movement is now nascent in several parts of the Soviet Union, which does not recognize conscientious objectors or provide any alternative service. Under the new Polish policy, Mr. Urban said, young men could reject military service out of "ideological convictions and attitudes."

Ex-Chargé in Paris Returning to Iran

PARIS (AP) — Gholam Reza Haddadi, the former chargé d'affaires at the Iranian Embassy in Paris, is returning to Tehran, conforming to the wishes of the French government, the French Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

WORLD BRIEFS

108 Killed in Crash of Chinese Plane

BEIJING (NYT) — A Russian-built Chinese airliner smashed into a hillside Monday night outside the southwestern city of Chongqing, killing all 108 passengers and crew members aboard, the Xinhua news agency said Tuesday.

Noriega Fires Close Political Adviser

WASHINGTON (NYT) — Panama's military leader has dismissed a close adviser who had been trying to arrange a transition to true civilian rule, according to senior Latin American diplomats.

2 Haiti Contenders Assert Vote Fraud

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Two of the top contenders for president in Sunday's elections charged Tuesday that the vote, which was run by the ruling junta, was rigged in favor of Leslie Manigat, a university teacher.

Afghan Rebels Reject UN Mediation

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) — Afghan rebel leaders, speaking the day before talks on ending the nine-year Afghan war are to resume here, said Tuesday that they would refuse to meet with the United Nations mediator, Diego Cordovez.

BBC Radio Monopoly Faces Contest

LONDON (Reuters) — British plans to license three new commercial radio stations to break a British Broadcasting Corp. monopoly of national radio, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd announced Tuesday.

Yugoslav Unions Draft Strike Rules

BELGRADE (Reuters) — Trade unions in the Yugoslav republic of Slovenia have drafted the country's first guidelines for organizing strikes.

Correction

A photo caption in some editions Tuesday misidentified the nation that has taken over the presidency of the European Community. It is West Germany.

Thatcher Asks Visit By Takeshita to U.K.

LONDON — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, during a meeting Tuesday with Japan's trade minister, Hajime Tamura, invited Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita to visit Britain, government sources said.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SIR HENRY COTTON A requiem mass and service of thanksgiving for Sir Henry Cotton will be held at 10:30 a.m. on March 16th, 1988 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W.1. Those intending to be present are requested to write to: The Professional Golfers' Association, Apollo House, The Bellys, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B76 9PT.

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In a New Poem, Yevtushenko Praises Bukharin

By David K. Shieler New York Times Service WASHINGTON — In a new, previously unpublished poem that has found its way to the United States, the Soviet poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko expresses admiration and compassion for Nikolai I. Bukharin, the Bolshevik leader whom Stalin had executed in 1938.

weekly supplement of the government newspaper Izvestia. Mr. Gorbachev revealed that he had read Mr. Cohen's biography of Bukharin, the Soviet leader, introduced to the author during his visit to Washington to December, "grabbed my hand and held it for a long time," Mr. Cohen recalled.

and history at Princeton University and author of "Bukharin and the Bolshevik Revolution: A Political Biography, 1888-1938." "Anti-Stalinism is an essential part of Gorbachev's program," Mr. Cohen said.

The idea of cooperative socialism, he continued, "the role of the market, the role of private farming, the role of competition, even in cultural life, the concept of a less heavy-handed censorship and competition among literary and cultural schools are all closely associated with Bukharin."

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TRAVEL UPDATE P&O Ferries Move on Crew Drinking LONDON (Reuters) — P&O European Ferries, a British sea ferry line, said Tuesday that it was seeking an agreement with trade unions to curb crew members drinking alcohol aboard ship. A spokesman for the company, which operates several passenger routes between Britain and Europe, said that what the company "cannot accept is that any seafarer at any time on board a vessel is unable to properly carry out his or her emergency duties because of overindulgence in alcohol." Alitalia's domestic subsidiary, ATI, said Tuesday in Rome that it would resume flights using the French-Italian ATR-42 aircraft. Flights had been suspended since a crash killed 37 people last October. (Reuters) Belgian air controllers began wildcat strikes Tuesday to protest low pay. The initial two-hour stoppage from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. was expected to disrupt about 25 arrivals and 15 departures at the Brussels airport. Incoming flights will be diverted to Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Lille, France. The controllers plan to strike in every shift until further notice, which would mean three times a day. (Reuters) About 18,000 Athens taxi drivers refused to operate in the center of the city for the second day Tuesday, protesting an anti-smog measure that would halve the number of taxis on the streets. Some pickets clashed with cabbies who tried to drive in the central city on Monday. (Reuters)

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Drug Tests in U.S. Being Used to Curb Convict Recidivism

By Peter Kerr
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — As U.S. prisons and jail populations swell beyond capacity, cities and states are increasingly using drug tests to identify the worst criminal offenders and using treatment of drug abuse to alter their criminal behavior. Many criminal-justice experts say that based on new research, they believe drug tests and treatment are surprisingly effective in reducing crime and prison overcrowding. They point in particular to the success of two programs in New York State and Washington.

NEW YORK study, a group of prisoners spent several months in a residential drug treatment program before being paroled. They were about half as likely to be arrested or commit parole violations over the next three years as drug-using prisoners who did not have the residential treatment.

The strategy of testing and treatment is being used by judges when they release defendants on bail or set sentences, and by prisons as they prepare to release prisoners. Two such programs began operations this month in Arizona and Oregon. Others are to start this year in Delaware, Alabama, Florida and other states.

In a study of a program in New York, of those prisoners who completed nine to 12 months in treatment before they were to be released, 78 percent made it through three years of parole without a violation of arrest. Of a comparable group of prisoners who did not go through the program, only 40.5 percent avoided violations or arrest.

The new generation of programs is being spurred not so much by concern for offenders as by the spiraling costs of incarceration. In the past, for example, some prisons established drug treatment programs to help prisoners who wanted to overcome their addictions. The new programs in the courts and prisons are designed to force the most active criminals to force them to give up drugs as a way of keeping them from being arrested again.

With a toughening of criminal laws and sentences, the population of federal and state prisons has swollen to 550,000 from 200,000 since 1970. Most states now are faced with court orders to relieve overcrowding and find they cannot indefinitely continue to build prison cells at an average cost of \$50,000 to \$75,000 apiece.

Cuban Flow to U.S. Resuming

Los Angeles Times Service

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials say that Cuban immigration into the United States, suspended since 1985, will resume next month under an agreement that represents the strongest evidence to date of a warming in relations between Washington and Havana.

For the United States, the agreement is a significant step toward a long-range goal of systematic Cuban immigration that would keep out such so-called "undesirables" as the Cuban criminals now held in U.S. prisons, while allowing political dissidents to emigrate to the United States.

Philippines Army Says It Averted Plot in Manila to Disrupt Election

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

MANILA — The Philippine military said Tuesday that it had uncovered and averted a rightist plot to disrupt voting in Manila during regional elections.

While the actual voting took place without widespread violence, Brigadier General Alexander Aguirre, the armed forces commander for Manila, said his forces uncovered a conspiracy to disrupt the election in the Manila area. He said Reynaldo Cabanatan, a former army colonel, and a group of renegade soldiers were involved in the plot.

High Court Rejects Appeal by North

United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused on Tuesday to hear an appeal from Lieutenant Colonel Oliver L. North, who is seeking to stop an independent prosecutor's investigation into his role in the Iran-contra affair.

The subpoena was issued by a grand jury overseen by Lawrence E. Walsh, the independent counsel who is investigating the affair. Attorneys for Colonel North had contended that Mr. Walsh lacked legal authority to conduct a criminal investigation. Colonel North was dismissed from his National Security Council post over his involvement in arms sales to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan rebels.

AMERICAN TOPICS

Methods for Fighting The Midwinter Blahs



How to fight the midwinter blahs, that feeling of letdown with the holidays over and months of cold weather ahead? Shopping, drinking, going to the movies or working harder than ever are standard treatments in New York. Enid Nemy of The New York Times polled acquaintances and turned up such additional antidotes as cooking and baking, curling up with the Sherlock Holmes stories, and singing and dancing.

Robbie Capp, a textile designer, said she goes out dancing "and if the music is loud enough you sing along, no one minds." If no dance partner is at hand, she goes into the living room, puts on "Judy, Barbara or Ella" (Garland, Streissand or Fitzgerald), sings along with them and dances by herself.

Short Takes

Only three Roman Catholic cardinals are active in the United States, the fewest in 30 years, following the retirement last month of Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia. The Washington Post notes that this compares with a record high of nine cardinals heading U.S. archdioceses in 1969. Only Cardinals Joseph L. Bernardini, 59, of Chicago; Bernard F. Law, 56, of Boston; and John J. O'Connor, 67, of New York continue to serve in the United States. Cardinal William W. Baum heads the Vatican's Congregation for Education in Rome. Leading U.S. contenders

POUNDRING WINTER SURF — Debris from the Huntington Beach pier lies in the sand after a storm hit Southern California. Damage was put in the millions from huge waves that smashed restaurants, beach houses and piers. The storm packed the Rockies with snow and then blanketed Nebraska and Kansas on Tuesday. At least 20 deaths have been blamed on bad weather this week.

for red hats include Archbishop James A. Hickey, 67, of Washington; Roger Mahoney, 51, of Los Angeles, and John May, 65, of St. Louis, Missouri. Worldwide, there are 136 cardinals, down from a high of 152 in 1985.

President Ronald Reagan has jolly beans on his cabinet room table. His Joint Chiefs of Staff do even better. In the "tank" where they meet three times a week, so called only because the first one was entered through an archway reminiscent of a tunnel, each place at the meeting table has a dish of assorted candies, including lemon drops, chocolate kisses and peppermint patties, which are duty devoured. A staff officer who once substituted healthful bowls of dried fruit and nuts, out of apparent concern that the chiefs were ruining their teeth, was quickly replaced and the candies reappeared.

David Scoutras, a Boston city councilman, doesn't want to fight City Hall. He wants to sell it and build one that works better. The idea has come up periodically since the place was built in 1968. Mr. Scoutras plans to hold public hearings, and one fellow council member, Bruce Bolling, said a sale is worth considering. He called the building "a fortress." Although it won the American Institute of Architects' Honor Award the year after it was built, City Hall is inefficient to heat because of its high ceilings and nine-floor atrium. Huge staircases lead nowhere. The flat roof maximizes water seepage. Mr. Scoutras calls it "an albatross."

Sign spotted in The Breakers, a Long Island seafood restaurant, and reported by Renee Paley of Roslyn Heights to The New York Times: Piano Player Wanted. Must Have Knowledge of Opening Clams.

End of Military Revolt Is Hailed in Argentina

Reuters

BUENOS AIRES — Argentine newspapers, echoing comments by President Raul Alfonsín, said Tuesday that the crushing of an army mutiny had helped to strengthen and consolidate democracy in Argentina and that the rebellion had found no popular support.

lands, and accusing them of failing to protect junior officers accused of human rights violations during military rule. He was dismissed from the army on Thursday after fleeing from house arrest when troops were sent to arrest him. Defense Minister Horacio Jaunarena said Monday night that the country had returned to normal, with all military units responding to their usual lines of command. A large number of prisoners were taken in putting down the rebellion, Mr. Jaunarena said. The only casualties were three loyalist soldiers who were wounded when a mine placed by the rebels exploded under their truck.

Former Lieutenant Colonel Aldo Rico and at least 100 of his supporters in the military surrendered Monday afternoon after a skirmish with loyalist troops in the town of Monte Caseros, 300 miles (630 kilometers) north of Buenos Aires.

Highly placed military sources dismissed speculation that the rebellion reflected serious opposition within the armed forces to the Alfonsín government. The rebel troops in Monte Caseros were stoned and insulted by townspeople.

American Couple Is Granted Political Asylum by Moscow

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Two Americans who came to the Soviet Union as tourists have requested and been granted political asylum, a Soviet official said Tuesday.

but gave no other details of their jobs or lives in the United States. He said the Branches wrote the President to say that Soviet law provides equal opportunities and possibilities for all, which is an alternative to capitalism. Mr. Gerasimov said the Branches would be provided with housing and jobs in their specialty. Clarence Branch, 77, said by telephone from Erie, Pennsylvania, on Tuesday that his son's decision was stupid. He added that his son had worked for a radio station in Mount Dora, Florida.

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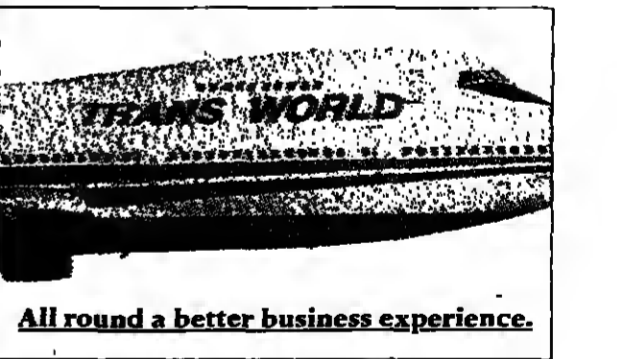
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Curiouser and Curiouser

Alice found Wonderland curiouser and curiouser. Spectators find West Germany's intriguing economic policies hard to reconcile with the facts of the world today.

Unemployment, already high, is rising. In such circumstances, most countries would try to stimulate some demand, particularly if — as in West Germany — inflation is very low and the foreign balance comfortably in surplus.

Eyes on the Sandinists

Hear the Presidents

Central America's five presidents made a bold decision last weekend. Their plan called for Nicaragua and the United States to take simultaneous steps toward peace.

A Fateful Reprieve

A reprieve has been granted to Central America's plan for peace and democracy, and it makes possible, though not certain, a result that had come to seem increasingly dim.

Other Comment

Blackmailers in Argentina

There were, and perhaps still are, two ways in which President Raúl Alfonsín could deal with the revolting military officers who have been the bane of Argentina for half a century.

What Haitians Want Is to Do It Themselves

By Jonathan Power

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Time and time again, in the dusty streets of Port-au-Prince, in the Marché du Fer, where the buyer can find everything from conflatex to motorbikes — there are few shortages here even if most Haitians are dirt poor.

Yet, inevitably, as the army lurches about, stealing votes and violently intimidating the opposition, the cry goes up for outsiders to step in and do what Haitians apparently cannot do.

Asian Money's on America to Run a Strong Race

By Joel Kotkin and Yoriko Kishimoto

WASHINGTON — Many Japanese, even with their huge trade surpluses, and great financial resources, still regard American carping as something akin to the whining of a spoiled brat.

With the exception of a few decades after each world war, America has remained a major capital importer.

Taiwan is also becoming a major source of U.S. investment capital. In the last few years its business elite has been pouring resources, sometimes in direct violation of explicit government controls, into hotels, shopping malls and small industrial enterprises.



Say Yes to a North American Success

By Lansing Lamont

NEW YORK — The Canada-United States free trade agreement signed on Jan. 2 by Ronald Reagan and Brian Mulroney is the most far-reaching such agreement ever negotiated by two nations.

After March 1985, when President Reagan and Prime Minister Mulroney pledged their governments to reach a treaty liberalizing the \$150 billion two-way trade in goods and services, the negotiating route was uphill all the way.

Terror's Grip on Colombia Will Have to Be Smashed

By Peter B. Bensinger

CHICAGO — Terrorism's grip on the judiciary in Colombia must be broken. Terrorism flouts the good intentions of President Virgilio Barco Vargas, sets free that country's biggest drug dealer, Jorge Luis Ochoa, and destroys bilateral cooperation on drugs.

run into the billions of dollars? What has happened in the Western Hemisphere? A Mexican national arrested and indicted more than a year ago for murdering Enrique Camarena Salazar, an agent of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, has still not been brought to trial.

gloom. A remarkable element in this election has been the freedom of the press. Every day, the local media have reported the vicissitudes and conflicts of the electoral campaign fairly and at length.

Some leading Japanese experts, such as Hiroshi Takeuchi, chief economist of Japan's Long-Term Credit Bank, are deeply concerned that these outflows — with bonds, securities and direct investment ranging into the billions of dollars — signal a long-term trend toward renewed American economic pre-eminence.

strong, with your immigration from other countries. You have the scale and the resources that we simply will never possess," says the economist sadly in his spartan office.

1888: A Jobber Jobbed LONDON — An enterprising young jobber in the mining market was the victim of a rather good though unkind joke. A friendly jobber advised him to purchase shares in a certain mine, this mine only existing in the friendly jobber's imagination.

1913: Buffalo Nickel WASHINGTON — The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. MacVeagh, has approved the design of a new five-cent piece by J.E. Frazer, of New York.

So Quiet You Could Hear A Jaw Drop

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON — The pair of political debates last weekend — the Democrats in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Republicans in Hanover, New Hampshire — proved once again that silence is golden.

The candidates had been going on about their plans to combat drugs, bragging how they were going to get tough on pushers and overseas growers. They all seemed ready to move on to the next set of staff-created, poll-tested clichés when Mr. Chancelor begged to ask one question.

100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO 1888: A Jobber Jobbed LONDON — An enterprising young jobber in the mining market was the victim of a rather good though unkind joke. A friendly jobber advised him to purchase shares in a certain mine, this mine only existing in the friendly jobber's imagination.

1938: Barcelona Attack BARCELONA — More than 100 persons, many of them women and children, were killed today [Jan. 19] when Barcelona and Valencia were subjected to the deadliest air bombardment directed upon them since the beginning of the civil war, according to an official communication. Other reports estimated about 300 dead, but they could not be confirmed.

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OPINION

The Soviet Inspector of Prisons Is Lying

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — And now let us turn our attention to Ivan Rakhmanin, an inspector of prisons in the Soviet Union, and to the letter he wrote to The New York Times on instructions from the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

ON MY MIND

But his letter is important. To the best of the knowledge of the Helsinki Watch Committee of the United States, which monitors human rights agreements signed by the Soviet Union, it is the first time a Soviet official has responded publicly to specific charges about political prisoners in Soviet labor camps.

families now out of the Soviet Union.

One witness after another tells of solitary confinement lasting for months or years, about being cut off from family visits or mail, about being fed every other day, about rotten and meager food, about guards handing out food-deprivation punishments time after time to weary prisoners who do not fill labor quotas.

I think even the most trusting of Americans have little difficulty making the choice between the word of the victims and of their persecutors. For those who might, a few items:

1. The inspector triumphantly lists some pardoned prisoners. He does not say that most were pardoned after the column appeared and often only days before the expiration of their sentences, which had lasted a decade or more.

2. The inspector says some prisoners were guilty of robbery and rape. But the truth is that all were imprisoned in

Perm 36-1 only for anti-Soviet activity. 3. Suddenly and unannounced, Perm 36-1 was closed on Dec. 8, according to information I have received and trust, Moscow can keep its ban on any foreigner's inspection; nothing left to inspect.

The prisoners have been moved to another camp in the Urals, 60 miles (about 95 kilometers) away. Nothing has changed. Mart-Olav Niklus and Ivan Sokulsky still sit in solitary confinement. Grigori Pikhodko has virulent tuberculosis, endangering his three cellmates.

The exact address of the new site of suffering, Camp VS-389-35, is unknown. But letters can be sent care of Mikhail Gorbachev or the Central Committee, Kremlin, Moscow.

There are prisoners in other jails, of course. Sarkis Ogadzhanyan, sentenced for being a member of Hara Krishna, died in a camp at the age of 23 on Dec. 26. That was the day The Times published the letter from Ivan Rakhmanin, inspector of Soviet jails.

The New York Times.



He'd Better Twitch Fast

By Joe Murray

LUFKIN, Texas — Everybody probably knew it but me: President Reagan has a food taster.

I found out by reading the news story about the president suffering nausea and vomiting on the night before his meeting with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita of Japan; which, I suppose, is neither here nor there. Hardly anything I read surprises me much anymore. But the last paragraph was the exception: "As a security measure, Reagan's food is routinely

MEANWHILE

measured. Reagan's food is routinely tasted by a aide, Marlin Fitzwater [the White House spokesman] said he did not know if the taster had also become ill.

Who holds the office of Presidential Food Taster? Does the White House have a photo of him we can run in the paper? I imagine somebody a lot like the loyal but cowardly Don Knotts on the old Steve Allen Show. "Are you nervous, food taster?" the president might ask. "Nope!" he would reply, his eyes bulging.

How much does it cost the taxpayers for Mr. Reagan to have a food taster? What's his salary? Are meals included? After the food is tasted, how long does Mr. Reagan have to wait until he figures it is safe to dig in? Five minutes? Ten minutes? Is there a Presidential Food Taster Watcher whose job it is to notice if the food taster suddenly starts twitching?

How does the food taster proceed? I can picture him leaning over Mr. Reagan at a state dinner, sawing off a hunk of steak, chewing it, smacking his lips and then winking at the president and making the O.K. sign with thumb and forefinger. (Incidentally, while he's at it, does he ever just go ahead and cut up the president's meat for him?)

Wouldn't it be simpler and cheaper for Mr. Reagan to have a dog, one he isn't particularly attached to?

Does George Bush have a food taster? Or, now that I think about it, is George Bush the president's food taster? Is it just me or does George Bush sometimes remind you of Don Knotts?

When the president wants a midnight snack, does he wake up the food taster to go with him to the refrigerator? Is the food taster paid overtime for this?

Couldn't we find somebody who could be trusted to prepare the president's meals? How about Ollie North? He seems perfect for the job. He said if the president ever ordered him to go stand on his head in the corner, he would salute sharply and reply, "Yes, sir!" Surely, he wouldn't mind if Mr. Reagan asked him to go into the kitchen and make his president a ham sandwich.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

There's Room for Shakespeare and for Westerns, Too

Regarding "When 'Relevant Literature' Means Neglected Also-Rans" (Meanwhile, Jan. 14) by Jonathan Yardley:

As a recent graduate of one of the morally bankrupt, "fascist" U.S. English departments attacked by Mr. Yardley, I must disagree with his assertion that what goes on among American academic literary critics today is "balderdash." Many college professors are indeed rethinking what constitutes "literature," as they have been doing for some 40 years, but not, as Mr. Yardley says, solely because all the "really good subjects for study" have been taken.

Attempts to broaden the canon stem first from an awareness that standards are culturally determined, that what some people take to be "vigor" and "grace" may be quite other things to other people. Critics are also re-evaluating the very purpose of studying literature. Certainly no one wants to banish Shakespeare or Melville, certainly literary "quality" is still important, but so is what a literary work can tell us about the culture in which it was produced; and Gothic novels, Westerns and detective stories (Melville wrote a few himself) all have a good deal to say on this subject.

Deconstruction and semiotics are not restrictive and reductive ways to look at literature, but broadening ones. When applied in good faith, as I believe they are in many English departments in America, they provide new and often important ways of understanding writing and the world that produces it. Surely Mr. Yardley cannot object to that.

AMELIA A. ZURCHER, Oxford, England.

Mr. Yardley sees the revisionist trend as part of a continuing struggle by "conservatives and schemers" bent on revenge against the academic establishment. In legitimizing writers heretofore regarded as lacking aesthetic qualities, these "vigilantes of the English departments" promote their careers as part of a "hidden agenda": getting even with the established academic deities, which "reposed with outrage to the excesses of the '60s" by denying tenure to these "young turks."

This description is merely a list of weary epithets, the most notable being "young fascists." To equate a club-wielding Mussolini thug with a scholar who analyzes the social context of literature is ludicrous. One can only regard Mr. Yardley's pronouncements as absurdities.

And his assertion that the traditional literary canon is not the crux of contention is a gross misconception. Mr. Yardley apparently refuses to regard revisionist interest as serious scholars pursuing topics of interest not only to the literary field but to the history of art as well. In the history of arts and letters, the influences of dominant social and political ideologies must be assessed in order to gauge their impact on the formation of both accepted and unaccepted works of art and literature.

On Safire and King Hussein

Regarding "Palestinians Are Pawns in a Royal Power Game" (Jan. 14):

William Safire, in blaming King Hussein for the loss of Palestinian lives in the past month, tries to conceal the facts apparent to any observer. It is the Israelis, along with the Reagan administration, who have blocked the peace process. For years, King Hussein has been arguing that the only means available to secure a just and lasting peace would be an international

peace conference including the Palestinians, as well as the five permanent United Nations Security Council members, who would guarantee the results. Clearly a Jordanian-Israeli meeting on the fringes of the superpower summit meeting was not a sufficient means.

Mr. Safire fails to recognize that the problem centers on the national rights of the Palestinians. It is a problem of a people and of a land. Such a realization on King Hussein's part is what prevents him from taking the impulsive and rash steps advised by Mr. Safire.

BASSEM AWADALLAH, London.

Does Mr. Safire believe that he can make the Israelis' conduct appear any better by insulting a highly esteemed head of state known for his intelligence, courage and integrity? Mocking King Hussein for his shortness is a cheap shot. Yitzhak Shamir is hardly any taller, but surely the International Herald Tribune would never tolerate such a slur against the Israeli prime minister.

Shame on you, Mr. Safire. Perhaps you should stick to your more informative column on etymology. I suggest you devote your next column to expressions such as argumentum ad hominem.

LINDA C. MacCONNELL, Abu Dhabi.

One wonders what Mr. Safire is exercised about. Isn't absorption of the West Bank into Jordan precisely what he and Israeli hawks have always had in mind? Or is the absorption of the people, not the land, their game plan? It has never been King Hussein's intention to commit hara-kiri by presiding over the establishment of a Palestinian state in his kingdom, so let's scotch that canard. To turn around Mr. Safire's curious assumption that King Hussein has a

duty to speak for the Palestinians in the absence of any other interlocutor viable, bow would Mr. Safire, let alone the Israelis, react to a demand that Washington conduct peace negotiations for Israel (after all, America does bankroll the country)? Or that the United States absorb Israel's Jewish population? That option might not be so far-fetched, as more and more Israeli Jews question the long-term viability of their state.

ALAN MACKIE, London.

The Windscale "affair" demonstrates again that nuclear fission is an inherently undemocratic source of power, the dangers of which give rise to levels of control and secrecy that prevent effective public oversight and debate, East and West.

This spring will mark the second anniversary of the beginning of the Chernobyl accident (nuclear accidents are never really over), and the ninth of the accident at Three Mile Island, Pennsylvania. Currently a scandal over transport and sham treatment of radioactive waste is shaking the West German nuclear industry.

The combined effects of citizen activism against nuclear power and for safe alternatives, plus the accidents and scandals themselves, have shifted public opinion in many countries against nuclear power. Which government will be the first to plan the rapid phase-out of atomic energy? How many accidents, opinion polls and votes will it take to force the change that has to happen?

ANNA GYORGY, Bonn.

Unmentionable Genocide

My thanks to Anthony Lewis for recalling that "Americans were aroused by the Turkish massacres of Armenians in 1915." ("The Helsinki Watchers Aren't Forgotten," Jan. 5.) But when will officials of the Reagan administration acknowledge the genocide of 1915?

K.D. GHOUGASSIAN, Buenos Aires.

How Many Chernobyls?

Your coverage of the Windscale cover-up ("U.K. Hid Details of Nuclear Fire in 1950s," Jan. 2) was important. Had the British known then what was revealed a generation later they might have resisted their government's rush to join the nuclear club of reactor and bomb builders.

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Little wonder they don't build cars like they used to. Building a pen is difficult enough.

Oh, the elegant lines of the 1925 Hispano Suiza. Oh, the elegant lines of the 1927 Parker Duofold. The car may no longer be available but happily the pen is making a welcome return. We have long yearned to recreate this favourite Parker design. And our approaching centenary has provided a suitable excuse. Like today's top cars the Parker Duofold Centennial boasts working parts that are 'state-of-the-art.' But unlike them, it boasts workmanship that is somewhat old fashioned. Rather than mould the cap and barrel 'en masse,' we machine them as we did in the old days, from a solid block. Rather than cut the nib from some modern metal, we stay true to gold. Rather than slit the nib on some new fangled contraption, we still do the job by hand, using a blade no thicker than a human hair. And just as Hispano Suiza road tested its cars thoroughly after manufacture, we put our pens through their paces. Upon completion, each Duofold Centennial is examined by a white gloved inspector. If deemed perfect, it is filled, written with and cleaned before being released for sale. It is an exhausting way to produce a pen. But, as with the Hispano Suiza, the looks and handling provide ample reward.



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EARS AGO

Barcelona — More than 100,000 people gathered in the city for a demonstration against the government. The protesters carried banners and sang songs. The demonstration was peaceful and lasted for several hours. The government officials were seen to be nervous during the event. The protesters demanded more reforms and an end to corruption. The demonstration was a significant event in the city's history.



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Vietnam Rejects U.S. Aid Proposal As 'Not Correct'

By Barbara Crossette
New York Times Service

HANOI (AP) — Hanoi rejected an aid proposal on Tuesday by the Reagan administration's plan to give humanitarian aid to Vietnam through private organizations. Hanoi wants aid channeled through the U.S. government, Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach said at a meeting here of journalists from Asia and the Pacific.

President Ronald Reagan's envoy, John W. Vessey Jr., former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. Vessey and his negotiating team were assured by Vietnam at the same time that the search for missing Americans would be stepped up.

Mr. Thach, who also is a deputy prime minister, said he had "made it clear" to the Americans that limiting assistance to private groups was "not correct."

The Reagan administration consistently has denied that the two agreements were linked.

It also raises the question of whether Vietnam continues to see U.S. aid in terms of war reparations, a concept that succeeding U.S. administrations have rejected.

On Sunday, Representative Chester G. Atkins, a Democrat of Massachusetts who visited Hanoi last week, said he was prepared to return to Washington and press Congress, the administration and private agencies and institutions to give as much assistance as possible in the next few months to test Vietnam's good faith.

U.S. Tests Cruise Missile
COLD LAKE, Canada — A U.S. B-52 bomber launched an unarmed cruise missile over northern Canada on Tuesday to test the weapon and a \$1.2 billion U.S.-Canada northern defense system, Canadian officials said.

Mr. Vessey is a man who respects very much and he keeps his word," he said. "But the actions of the United States do not completely conform to our agreement."



SALUTING AUSTRALIA'S 200TH YEAR — The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Eagle entered Sydney Harbor on Tuesday under escort. It was participating in Australia's bicentennial celebrations and had competed in a Hobart-to-Sydney race.

STANFORD: University in Turmoil Over Teaching of Western Culture

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ably prompt a search for relatively unknown or underrated works by women and Africans to be included in the core list of acknowledged classics.

Opponents of the changes say that student pressure should play no role in devising curriculum. Also, they contend that to label history's most influential works as examples of a white male culture and little else is to make a travesty of Western culture.

The resentment and estrangement of some was expressed by Amanda Kemp, former president of the Black Student Union who wrote in the student newspaper, The Stanford Daily, that the implicit message of the current curriculum is "nigger go home."

William King, the current president of the Black Student Union, said: "The Western culture requirement has had a very significant impact because it's a course that every student at the university has to take. It's the one requirement that really says to us, we're different."

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AK-47s Used in South Africa Strife

JOHANNESBURG — Soviet-designed weapons are being used now in South Africa's shantytown war, which escalated this week with 17 more deaths near the city of Pietermaritzburg, the police said Tuesday.

The police said that four persons, including a 35-year-old woman who was stabbed about 40 times, died Monday. A further seven persons were killed Sunday. The death toll was one of the highest in the year-long dispute between Inkatha and the front.

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ASSESS: Republicans' Hopes Rise With the Economy

(Continued from Page 1) growth could mean that candidates who run on the president's record can boast that they have entered a nearly unprecedented, sixth consecutive year of recession-free growth.

MOSCOW: Israelis to Visit

(Continued from Page 1) Tel Aviv deals with problems of Soviet citizens living in Israel, most of whom are relatives of émigrés. It also has worked on claims involving Soviet property, most of it land belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church.

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An International Court Puts Honduras on Trial In Death Squad Killings

By James LeMoyné
New York Times Service

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — In the first case ever tried by the Inter-American Court on Human Rights in which a government has been put on trial, Honduras is being accused here of maintaining "disappearance" of civilians suspected of being leftists.

both the United States and Honduras are members. The first witness in the trial, Miguel Angel Pavón, was shot to death last week in the city of San Pedro Sula.

Mr. Pavón headed the regional office of the Honduran Human Rights Commission, the most outspoken human rights group in the country and the target of criticism by U.S. and Honduran officials.

The court case focuses on the disappearances in Honduras from 1981 to 1982 of two Honduran civilians, Saul Godoy and Manuel Velásquez, as well as two Costa Ricans, Yolanda Solís and Francisco Farián Garbí.

Deaths by death squads in Honduras since 1980 are well known to the Reagan administration and to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. The CIA trained Honduran soldiers who then worked in the death squads, according to several U.S. officials and a former member of a death squad who said he was trained by the intelligence agency.

The four victims appear to be among 140 civilians who, it is estimated, have killed by army death squads in Honduras since 1980. Those 140 are a small fraction of the tens of thousands who have been captured, tortured and killed without trial by the armies of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, El Salvador and Guatemala among other countries, in the last two decades.

Despite that knowledge, Reagan administration continues to contend that Honduras has an acceptable human rights record, and appears to have done nothing to assist the trial or to denounce the activities of witnesses.

A former Honduran army sergeant, Florencio Caballero, testified in earlier proceedings in the case in Costa Rica that he was a member of an army death squad. He then detailed his involvement in interrogating civilians captured by army death squads. He said that all of the prisoners were killed.

The court that is hearing the case in Costa Rica is expected to reach a verdict within the next two months. It is a judicial arm of the Organization of American States, the leading political organization of which

Mr. Caballero testified that he had been trained by the CIA to be an interrogator. He has given convincing details to back that assertion, which U.S. officials concede is true.

In a 1987 interview Mr. Caballero said that he tried to hide his death squad activities from his CIA advisers, but U.S. officials say that the CIA and the U.S. Embassy in Honduras were well aware of the slayings.

The Reagan administration has asserted publicly that the Honduran government is improving its human rights performance. Despite slayings in the last year, Secretary of State George P. Shultz reported to Congress that Honduras had an acceptable human rights record, thereby clearing the way for approval of aid to the Honduran police.

That approval came even though a leading official in the Honduran police was an army officer well known to the U.S. Embassy as the former commander of army death squads, according to three U.S. officials and two Honduran soldiers.

The officer, Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Hernández, has denied the allegations against him. But U.S. officials and Honduran military sources said that Colonel Hernández formerly commanded the 316th Battalion, an intelligence unit established by the CIA that ran several death squads.

Despite such allegations, Colonel Hernández has regularly been given top jobs in the army. He was recently promoted to his present post by President José Azcona Hoyo, who promised last weekend in Costa Rica to uphold the regional peace agreement calling for full respect of human rights.

Colonel Hernández has been called to testify in the trial.

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PARIS — The pro-socialist newspaper Le Matin, the latest victim of a wider crisis in the French press, made a final sentimental appearance Tuesday before ceasing publication.

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Five Musketeers Of Jazz History

By Mike Zwerin

ARCEUIL, France — The theater on a cut-de-sec in this working class suburb of Paris was filled with giggling schoolchildren watching a musical play called "Joueurs de Jazz" (Jazz Players) performed by the quintet Arcane V and written by its pianist, Philippe Gumplowicz, who aims to be a swinging historian.

Gumplowicz, who has a doctorate in history from the University of Paris, describes himself as a "poit musicien Français." To his surprise, he has become something of a celebrity. The play recounts the history of jazz from the point of view of a group of Central European Jewish klezmer musicians who emigrate to the United States in 1905, discover ragtime and the blues, and adapt to the styles that follow. Jazz is linked to 20th-century American history by decor, costumes, slide projections and a film collage.

"It's not a true story, but we wanted to make it plausible," says Gumplowicz, who collaborated on the play with the group's drummer, Youval Micemacher. "In the first version, we picked cotton in the South when we arrived, but this was a really bad mistake and we changed it fast. We start in New York now. It was tough for us to get the right perspective, but we wanted to express our love for jazz from our own point of view. It must seem strange for an American, but compared to marching bands in the United States and Gumplowicz says, "I did not tell many people I was working on the book. I was kind of ashamed to be involved with that stuff. But I'd started it and I wanted to finish it. The subject also interested me because it mixes music with history. I tried to write a serious historical work, to be legitimized so to speak, not taken for an amateur myself. Inside

comic book — "Tiotin in the Congo, you know, 'Arcane V in Jazzland.' It's an adventure story about five musketeers of jazz."

Ten years ago, when Arcane V was formed, Gumplowicz began to research and write a history documenting 150 years of music made by amateur French musicians. "Les Travaux d'Orphée" (Aubier) was published last fall at about the same time his play premiered.

In the 19th century, as the working class began to vote and to learn the three R's, they also learned to make music. In 1820, a Frenchman named Périet invented valves, making trumpets and French horns easier to play. Twenty years later, Adolphe Sax invented the saxophone family — since the fingering is the same for all, one musician could now play the entire range. The Thibouville-Lamy company began to mass-produce wind instruments in 1865, making them more available and cheaper. Brass bands, called fanfares, were formed. Composers began to write for them. A worker might be hired rather than another because he could blow a horn. Each town and many corporations soon had their own, they rehearsed once a week and performed for fairs and gave concerts.

Fanfares are generally considered lowbrow. Majorities often prance with them. They can be compared to marching bands in the United States and Gumplowicz says, "I did not tell many people I was working on the book. I was kind of ashamed to be involved with that stuff. But I'd started it and I wanted to finish it. The subject also interested me because it mixes music with history. I tried to write a serious historical work, to be legitimized so to speak, not taken for an amateur myself. Inside



Philippe Gumplowicz of Arcane V: A swinging historian.

that form, however, I wanted it to swing."

Recently he conducted a conference on the subject in a provincial town. The participants were mainly farmers and workers. One smiling man kept taking notes and asking questions. At the end he came to congratulate Gumplowicz, who asked why he was so interested. The man said he was a municipal councilman and belonged to the extreme right National Front party. Gumplowicz said he "immediately understood why the night was so attached to that patrimony — the population, the uniforms, the marches. When the left no longer occupies that territory, the right takes over. I'm not exactly a rabid leftist, but I was suddenly very happy to have written this book."

Arcane V is scheduled to perform "Joueurs de Jazz" in Coutance, Albi, Vienne, Argenteuil, Villejuif, for the Paris Jazz Festival. Earlier this month, Gumplowicz, the group and the book were all featured on "Apostrophes," the prime-time literary program on French television. The book's subject struck a chord, many French periodicals ran features on it.

"We've been negotiating with a national TV channel to broadcast the play," Gumplowicz says. "I'm optimistic, although I tend to be pessimistic by nature. All of this is incredible. It's rare for somebody like me to do something that attracts so much attention. Let alone two things. People are actually talking about me."

Coward's Woman With a Past

By Sheridan Morley

LONDON — Written in 1924, premiered on Broadway a year later with Jane Cowl, first seen in London in 1926 and filmed by Hitchcock a year after that, Noel Coward's "Easy Virtue" has since then been virtually out of sight. All credit therefore to Dan Crawford.

THE BRITISH STAGE

manager of the King's Head in Islington, that, on a stage barely 10 feet square (about 10 square meters), he brings together a cast of 18 as convincing evidence of his fascination with the less familiar areas of Coward's diverse and everlasting talent to amuse and indeed, sometimes, abuse.

The origins of "Easy Virtue" are simple enough. Writing unusually with neither himself nor Gertrude Lawrence in mind for leading roles, Coward got intrigued by the disappearance from the London stage of plays about the woman with a past. Plays such as "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" and "The Notorious Mrs. Ebbsmith" had, in the 30 years since Oscar Wilde's "Lady Windermere's Fan," been an obsession of West End drama. Coward wondered how one of those women would stand up to the new theatrical morality of the 1920s, the morality of "The Vortex" and "Hay Fever," which were of course his own creations.

So he set up a traditional, middle-class, conservative country-house family with a son and heir who unexpectedly arrives home



Jane How and Eric Carte in a scene from "Easy Virtue," by Noel Coward, at the King's Head.

married to a highly unsuitable older woman, dropping diamonds and pearls and previous marriages, and moreover, once involved in a scandalous suicide. The twist is that on this occasion the woman with a past turns out to be far and away the most kindly, articulate, generous, sympathetic and lovable character on stage. From her first appearance we are rooting for her to triumph over the narrow-minded bigotry of her new family, as indeed she does.

But "Easy Virtue" is more than "Mrs. Tanqueray" brought up to date. It's an early play (Coward was just 23 at the time of writing) in

which all his clenched, bleak, brittle, bristly, acridly funny and staccato conversational trademarks are already evident. "You must not," the shady lady tells her over-righteous sister-in-law, "be so truculent merely because you have afflicted yourself with the Almighty."

This is essentially a period drama, but it is also a characteristic plea for social and moral tolerance. Were Coward writing "Easy Virtue" today, I suspect that the unsuitable marriage might well turn out to be a homosexual one. What we also marvelously have here is a satirical look at the English middle class at its most hideously hide-

bound, written as usual from well within the barricades of the drawing room.

Jim Luscombe's agile production is graced by Avril Angers as the termagant mother, Ronnie Stevens as the gently, if only secretly, sympathetic father, Miranda Kingsley as the frustrated spinster sister and above all by Jane How as the lady of easy virtue, an actress who now joins Patricia Hodge and Maria Aitken and Maggie Smith in that rare group of contemporary leading ladies who can play Coward comedies exactly as he would have wished.

It's not often you get to see a musical from New Zealand. We now have, at the Nuffield Theatre Southampton, "Love Off the Shelf," a lyrical little show which parodies the Barbara Cartland school of slushy romantic fiction while simultaneously celebrating it and borrowing some of its more exotic locations.

A cast of mild but infinite amiability led by Barry James, Marilyn Cuts and David McAlister sing and occasionally dance their way through a score that Sandy Wilson might have been proud to recognize, and if they could just find the right small-scale and elegant London home, this could turn out to be one of those gently nostalgic treats that have a habit of hanging around for a year or two in an increasingly conservative climate.

The book, loosely concerned with two fantasizing writers and their creative blocks, may be as aimless and derivative as the score, but there are precious few new musicals nowadays at which you can almost hear an audience purring in delighted recognition of the way shows used to look and sound somewhere around 1950.

Misadventures of Best Sellers

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — What happened to two current books offering insight into how U.S. book publishing's marketing, printing and distribution systems work, revealing some of their shortcomings and showing why — in the words of Cleveland Amory — "Even an author who should be thrilled about a best seller winds up dissatisfied?"

The books are "Trump: The Art of the Deal" by Donald J. Trump with Tony Schwartz (Random House), currently the United States' No. 1 hard-cover nonfiction book, according to The New York Times Book Review, and "The Cat Who Came for Christmas" by Amory (Little, Brown), No. 3 on the same list.

"I'm happy the book has become such a success," Trump said, "but I'm disappointed that it was unavailable outside of New York for almost two weeks before Christmas. Book publishing is difficult because it's a business of guessing, and the people at Random House are pros. But they were caught short in this particular instance."

After a first printing of 150,000 copies, and within a week of the book's Dec. 15 publication, Trump appeared on "20/20," the "Donohue" show and twice on the "Today" show. Sales soared until books became unavailable. "There's no question—we were caught

short in some places," said Joni Evans, the head of Random House. "In Los Angeles we were caught without stock for two, three days."

Amory's book, a self-styled curmudgeon's memoirs of a cat, will soon have 240,000 copies in print, after a first printing of 50,000. Despite those numbers, Amory described the experience as the worst of his publishing career.

The essence of Amory's dissatisfaction is that the book, which was published last Oct. 29, sold out by early November and the publisher delayed printing more copies. "You couldn't buy a copy anywhere for four weeks," he said. Few if any books were available, he said, during his publicity tour to Boston, Seattle, San Francisco, San Diego, Chicago, Atlanta, Washington and elsewhere.

Kevin L. Dolan, president of Little, Brown, said he understood Amory's unhappiness. "There is no question that we and the booksellers underestimated the potential of his book," he said. But one reason is that advance orders (which determine a book's initial press run) were relatively small, and the company had no way to assess the impact of Amory's appearance on the cover of Parade magazine early last November.

"It's difficult to meet demand quickly when a book takes off," Dolan said.

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NYSE Falls on Trade Data, IBM

NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange ended sharply lower Tuesday after the market lost a day-long battle to cut early losses tied to IBM earnings and disturbing trade news. The Dow Jones industrial average, which had risen 79 Monday, fell 27.52 points to close at 1,936.34. The Dow had been up more than 6 points less than an hour from the close after erasing an early 26-point deficit. Trading was moderate. Declining issues marginally led advances among the 1,950 issues traded. Volume totaled 153.55 million shares, compared with 135.1 million traded Monday. Larry Wachtel, a market analyst with Prudential-Bache Securities Inc., said the market was rattled early on by news that the Japanese trade surplus had widened in December from November and by IBM's fourth-quarter earnings report. IBM reported that its fourth-quarter earnings totaled \$3.47 a share, up from \$2.38 a share in the year-ago quarter. IBM's stock plunged 6 1/4 to 111 1/4. "While the IBM numbers were within market expectations, there was some concern over the quality of the earnings," Mr. Wachtel said. "If you take away the company's lower tax rate and lower number of shares, there was some disappointment. And that shook out the rest of the market." "The market was behaving great" until the last hour, said Sid Dorr, vice president of block trading at Robinson-Humphrey Co. in Atlanta. "The trouble now is that when movements start, whether it's program-related or not, people get

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Table of company results for various firms, including columns for Revenue, Profit, and Per Share.

NYSE Highs-Lows

Table of NYSE Highs-Lows for various companies.

Toyota, Nissan Exports Fall, Especially to U.S.

TOKYO — Japan's two biggest automakers said Tuesday that exports slumped last year. Most of the drop was in the United States, where the stronger yen has forced them to raise prices.

BMW Sales Rose 11% in Year

MUNICH — Bayerische Motoren Werke AG, citing strong sales of its largest cars, has estimated that parent company revenue rose 15 percent to provisional 17.65 billion DM (\$10.5 billion) last year.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hoffmann Raises Sterling Drug Bid

NEW YORK — F. Hoffmann-La Roche & Co. has raised its bid for Sterling Drug Inc. to \$4.43 billion, hours after the New York company said it was rejecting the offer.

change Commission. It did not identify the New York bank. The U.S. drug company also said that Representative Gerald R. Solomon, a Republican of New York, had called on the U.S. Justice Department to enjoin the takeover attempt.

Wall Street markets had closed. Hoffmann-La Roche said it had increased its offer to \$76 a share from the \$72, or \$4.2 billion, that Sterling rejected Monday as "grossly inadequate."

Share Price of 110 Francs Is Fixed for Matra Sell-Off

By Jacques Neher. PARIS — The French Finance Ministry said Tuesday that the state's 51 percent stake in defense and telecommunications group Matra SA would be sold to the public, beginning Wednesday, at 110 francs a share.

The Finance Ministry said that Daimler-Benz and GEC each would receive 4 percent of Matra's capital, while the Wallenberg group would get 2 percent. Other members of the core group, each with 2 percent, will be Banque Nationale de Paris, Crédit Lyonnais and the Association Nationale d'Entraide et de Prévoyance, the ministry said.

GM Plans to Drop 2 Subcompacts, Close a Plant. DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that it is dropping its Oldsmobile Firenza and Cadillac Cimarron subcompact models at the end of the 1988 model year because of slow sales.

Volvo Likely to Report Flat Profit for '87, Analysts Say

STOCKHOLM — Volvo AB is likely to report flat profit for 1987 in its preliminary results Wednesday, but long-term prospects are bleaker, according to analysts. Most analysts surveyed expected Volvo's 1987 pretax profit to be around the 1986 level of 7.5 billion kroner (\$1.24 billion), despite the declining dollar's negative effect on profits from vital car sales in the United States.

Some analysts were less optimistic. Mary Foster, an analyst of Nordic companies at the London stockbrokerage Ark Securities, said profits from other divisions might not rise enough to offset a likely decline in U.S. car sales since the October stock market collapse.

Analysts expect the fourth quarter to show a profit of between 1.6 billion and 1.8 billion kroner, up from 1.43 billion in 1986. They expect the food division to reap the gains of acquisitions and restructuring in 1986, with profits rising from 38 million kroner to between 400 million and 500 million.

Swedish Group to Buy France's Peaudouce

PARIS — The Swedish forest products group Svenska Cellulosa AB said Tuesday that it had agreed to buy France's leading disposable diaper company, Peaudouce, for 1.96 billion francs (\$337 million).

Peaudouce, with estimated 1987 pretax earnings of 200 million francs on sales of 2.6 billion francs, markets paper diapers under the Peaudouce brand, as well as Nana-brand feminine hygiene products and Caducee hospital products.

Molnucke, founded in 1849 and acquired by Svenska Cellulosa in 1975, had estimated pretax earnings of 430 million kroner on sales of 7.4 billion kroner last year. About 80 percent of its sales are in the personal hygiene sector, with most of that business concentrated in northern Europe. It markets Libero paper diapers, Libresse feminine hygiene products and Tenaform diapers for adult incontinence.

GM Plans to Drop 2 Subcompacts, Close a Plant

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. said Tuesday that it is dropping its Oldsmobile Firenza and Cadillac Cimarron subcompact models at the end of the 1988 model year because of slow sales.

The automaker also said it will close its Leeds, Missouri, plant indefinitely from April 15. That plant produces the Firenza and the Buick Skyhawk. The move will result in the layoff of 1,400 hourly workers and 200 salaried workers. Last year, GM laid off 2,700 hourly and 200 salaried workers at the plant.

GM said production of the Skyhawk would be shifted to its Janesville, Wisconsin, plant. The Cimarron is made there, but production will cease in May. The Firenza and Cimarron, along with the Skyhawk, Chevrolet Cavalier and Pontiac Sunbird, comprise GM's front-wheel drive J-car line of subcompacts, introduced in the early 1980s to compete with Japanese automakers.

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Yugo to Polish Image With Warranty Plan

DETROIT — Yugo America Inc. has said it will introduce a 12-month, 12,000-mile total repair and maintenance plan for all of its 1988 model cars as part of a campaign to enhance its image.

William Prior, president of the New Jersey-based, privately held import company, also said Monday that a plan for a public stock offering had been delayed. He said the plan might be shelved if it is determined that going public would infringe on management's flexibility in changing its business plans.

Mr. Prior said the company generated revenue of \$270 million in 1987, including \$20 million in sales of parts to dealers. Yugo sold about 49,000 cars.

He said Yugo was willing to accept smaller profit margins to overcome an image that its car is a "cheap, disposable product." The new warranty program would cost "a good bit over \$10 million," or "approximately \$300 a car" for the 70,000 cars Yugo hopes to sell in 1988, he added.

Mr. Prior said that Yugo also intends to double its advertising budget in 1988, to about \$48 million from about \$24 million in 1987.

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Fat Substitute Is Reportedly Set

CHICAGO — Nutrasweet Co. is planning to announce the development of a fat substitute that could reduce calories and cholesterol in many foods, according to a report published in Crain's Chicago Business, a weekly publication.

Nutrasweet, a subsidiary of Monsanto Co., declined to comment on the report. But a company spokesman said Nutrasweet had scheduled a news conference in New York on Jan. 27 to announce a "revolution in food."

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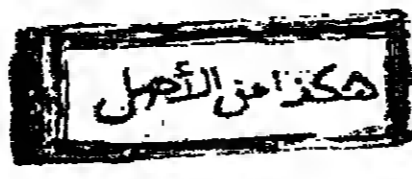
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CURRENCY MARKETS

Dollar Drifts Lower After Japan Data

NEW YORK — The dollar edged lower Tuesday after a Japanese trade report...

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Reserves Cut By Bundesbank

FRANKFURT — The central bank said Tuesday that it had cut the value of its foreign currency reserves...

FACTORIES: Demand Is Rising, but U.S. Industry Hesitates to Expand

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As a result, the horizons of the American executive seem to have narrowed. "Deep down, he finally realizes that the world in which he competes he cannot dominate..."

Some economists worry that U.S. corporations may be passing up the chance presented by the lower dollar to beat out foreign competitors...

To be sure, not everyone is holding back. The semiconductor and telephone industries are expanding...

BANKS: Citicorp Has Higher Net in Period, Loss in Year

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Wells Fargo said that the loan loss provision for 1987 was \$892 million, compared with \$361.7 million in the previous year.

Security Pacific Corp. reported a fourth quarter loss of \$39.4 million, or 40 cents per share...

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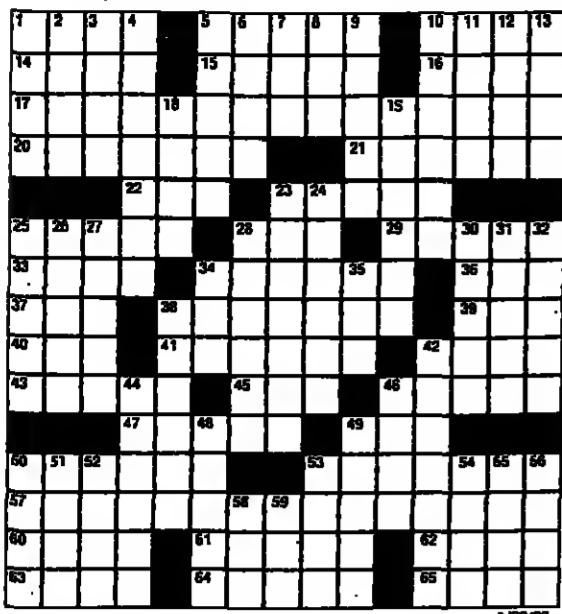
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BOOKS

THE TRUE GEN: An Intimate Portrait of Hemingway by Those Who Knew Him

By Denis Brian. Illustrated. 356 pages. \$19.95. Grove Press, 196 West Houston Street, New York, N.Y. 10014.

Reviewed by Herbert Murgan

ORAL history — the technique perfected by the inimitable Studs Terkel in such books as "The Good War" and "Working" — records the words of various people on a single theme and then cobbles them together artfully — can sometimes be useful in biography. It's tricky, stylistically. In the wrong editorial hands, oral history can come out simply as research that has been transcribed and mid-gested: style overwhelming substance. The technique works well in "The True Gen," which adds up to a revealing portrait of Ernest Hemingway in more than a hundred different voices. Of course, most real novelists would prefer to be judged "artful" (a how to Hemingway for borrowing one of his pregnant words) by their own fictional creations instead of by someone else's perceptions. With little rancor, "The True Gen" reveals how Hemingway was regarded as both a writer and a personality by friends, family and associates on the several battlefields of his life. One of the most astute comments is made by C.T. (Buck) Lanham, a regimental commander in World War II who became a close friend: "War seemed to bring out the best in him. In war, old Hemingstein, as he called himself, was magnificent. And in peacetime he could really be insufferable." There are some wonderful direct recollections. Robert Cronin, then a war correspondent for the Chicago Tribune, asked Hemingway about some gunfire in their vicinity. Hemingway replied: "That's the Germans keeping their cards in the musicians' union. They're retreating, but they want to fire a few shots before they go."

lo one passage of the book, Lillian Ross on Hemingway's controversial New Yorker article on Hemingway is discussed by the critic Malcolm Cowley and the biographers Carlos Baker and A.E. Hotchner. "If you take a stenographic account of what a man says at a certain time," says Cowley, "that does not necessarily give you the impression of what the man was." Hotchner said "The whole thing was kidding. I don't

think Lillian got any part of Hemingway." And yet Baker, Hemingway's best biographer, said, "I thought the profile was excellent." Then Denis Brian, author of this oral history, calls the profile a classic and said, "A result of the ensuing controversy was to put Hemingway back on guard against marauders intruding in his private life." The title of the book, "The True Gen," refers to a wartime expression used by the Royal Air Force for briefings and then adopted generally to mean the real facts. The Hemingway who emerges here is a complex man — an idol to some, a pain to others — who, nevertheless, always kept his eye on the True North of his writing.

Herbert Murgan is on the staff of The New York Times.

BEST SELLERS

The New York Times. This list is based on reports from more than 2,000 bookstores throughout the United States. Weeks on list are not necessarily consecutive.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

FOR the first time, the American Contract Bridge League will this year use the same formula for selection of the two United States squads. When the usual open team playoffs are staged in Memphis in May, there will be a parallel event to choose the women's team. The two groups of winners will travel to Venice in October to fight for titles in the World Team Olympiad. Two of the contestants in Memphis will be Roberta Epstein of South Orange, New Jersey, and Carol Simon of Summit, New Jersey. They will not be partners then, but they were on the diagrammed deal from a regional event last year. It demonstrates an important exception to an opening-lead guideline. A singleton trump is normally a bad choice, but it can be right when ruffs in dummy are clearly imminent. Against three hearts, Epstein, as West, led her trump, knowing that South would have to ruff spade losers. The declarer won with dummy's ace and took an unsuccessful club finesse. West shifted to a diamond, allowing her partner to win with the nine and lead another trump. This gave West a discarding problem. She needed to keep all her black cards, and she found a neat solution by throwing the diamond king. This unblocking move insured that her partner would be able to win the next diamond lead for a further trump play.

South had no way to make more than seven tricks, and East-West collected 200, and a tip score, against a contract that was sometimes made at other tables.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards in North and South hands, and the bidding sequence.

World Stock Markets

Via Agence France Presse Closing prices in local currencies, Jan. 19

Table of World Stock Markets showing closing prices for various indices and currencies.

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SPORTS

Tomba Flashes to Seventh Cup Triumph

SAAS FEE, Switzerland—Alberto Tomba of Italy posted his seventh World Cup victory of the season in a giant slalom here Tuesday, winning his lead over defending champion Pirmin Zurbriggen in the overall standings.



Alberto Tomba: "I feel a little bit lonely out in front all the time."

"Winning in Zurbriggen's home area was something special," said Tomba. "I had no problems," but "I'm not thinking about winning the World Cup yet—first, the Olympics."

Cash, Lendl to Meet in Semifinals



Martina Navratilova: "It was a solid performance."

MELBOURNE — Top seed Ivan Lendl registered a 6-2, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Todd Witsken Tuesday to breeze into the Australian Open tennis tournament's semifinals, where he will play fourth-seeded Pat Cash, who eliminated Michael Schaperys of the Netherlands, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

Witsken tried to slow the pace in a bid to Lendl's methodical attack, but the world's top-ranked player flicked a string of running cross-court forehands that stranded the final American in the men's draw.

Navratilova, who has reached 11 grand slam finals since losing to Sukova in the 1984 semifinals here, commanded a 77-minute match despite a serving slump in the second set. She faltered for the first time when she lost her serve in the 10th game and later double faulted serving for the match.

And Now Peru Sifts Tragedy's Cold Ashes

LONDON — For good and bad, soccer is as joined to tragedy as life itself. At its best, the game provides passion, relief from the slow tragedy of boredom and frustration in joyless lives. At its worst, the sport itself becomes a vehicle of catastrophe.

It was becoming again the heartbeat of Peruvian soccer. And what sport that club represents, Peru, when the spirit moved it as in the 1970 and 1978 World Cups, exuded a joy second only to Brazil's.

It was embodied in an ebullient fellow called Teofilo Cubillas, who came from Alianza and who thrilled us at both those tournaments. He was full of devilry; he loved to dribble close to opponents, to draw them in and then explode past them, finishing with awesome night-footed power.

In time, he transferred to Europe and later to pro soccer in the United States. Cubillas then completed his circle by returning to Alianza and scoring a memorable hat trick in 1984.



Teofilo Cubillas: The Alianza squad had been rebuilt in his spirit.

SCOREBOARD

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Table listing tennis matches, including Australian Open and Wimbledon.

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Table listing top 20 college football teams and their records.

World Cup Skiing

Table listing World Cup skiing results, including Men's Giant Slalom and Overall Standings.

SPORTS BRIEFS

2-Year Ban Upheld for Swiss Runner

LONDON (UPI) — Sandra Gasser, the Swiss runner who was stripped of the 1500-meter bronze medal she won at the 1987 world championships, on Tuesday lost her appeal against a two-year suspension from international competition.

Leader Appeals Rally Disqualification

KAYES, Mali (Combined Dispatches) — A judges committee of the Paris-Dakar motor rally early Tuesday disqualified Ari Vatanan of Finland, the overall leader in the car-truck division in his Peugeot 405, because of his late start on Monday's 18th leg.

Illinois Coach Quits Amid NCAA Probe

CHAMPAIGN, Illinois (UPI) — Mike White, the football coach at Illinois, resigned late Monday amid National Collegiate Athletic Association charges of recruiting infractions. The charges, revealed by the university earlier in the day, mark White's second brush with the NCAA, since he took over the program in 1979.

Braintrust at U. of Chicago Dismisses a Winning Coach

CHICAGO — A winning football coach has been let go, the college won't say why and students are signing petitions to get him reinstated. Ohio State's Notre Dame? No, the University of Chicago. Officials of the school that gave the world the first nuclear chain reaction, several Nobel Prize winners and two recently failed Supreme Court nominees, have told football coach Mick Ewing they no longer need him.

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OBSERVER

Stark Naked Ignorance

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — It was supposed to be healthy or honest, possibly both, when nudity went public and actors started standing around on stages and screens without a stitch on. Nobody was sufficiently farsighted to warn that it would also make us dumber, but that seems to be what happened.

Kansas City from Japan when on bombing assignments?
Hard choices like this are always involved when progress is at stake. The problem is that we can rarely foresee the trade-off until the progress has afflicted us irreversibly. Who could have foreseen that the wonderful new honesty and health we gained by making nudity commonplace would stop American youth from studying The National Geographic, thereby producing an alarming increase in dumbness?

If you were curious about how people looked undressed — and who was? — The National Geographic was the basic source of information. In the course of the research, a good deal of other information rubbed off the page onto the student.
By seventh or eighth grade, and certainly long before college, American youth had extensive knowledge of geography. When they grew up and had to fight World War II and somebody told them to go attack Japan, they did it very effectively because they knew where Japan was.

There was no real opposition to The National Geographic's fondness for pictures of people undressed. Nothing to compare with campaigns waged by social and moral uplifters nowadays. No pornography commissions appointed by the attorney general to hush the church's voice by denouncing magazines that publish pictures of people undressed.
Far from being harassed by uplifters, The National Geographic was recommended by schoolteachers and pious uncles.

Ross Thomas and His World of Mayhem

By Sarah Booth Conroy
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — The sometime Washington novelist, Malibu, California, screenwriter, Oklahoma-born sports-writer and Nigerian political pundit Ross Thomas no longer looks like the young infantryman he once was. At 61, he looks more like a newspaper rewrite man, which he also once was.
As an infantryman in the Philippines during World War II and as a reporter in southwestern Louisiana in 1949-50, he says, "I saw enough violence to last a lifetime. I was a little bit of a hero, and not many take reactions." This reality taught him that "if you're going to write about violence — and it's the crux of the suspense story; who dies, who doesn't — it should be the way people react to it, not the way they're supposed to. I saw a lot of violence, and I always found the reactions of soldiers, cops and people interesting — the lack of reaction, the numbness. Nobody was horrified or amazed. Nobody was anything."



Novelist Thomas: 21 volumes on the road to abstention.

Thomas lived in Washington in the '60s and early '70s, working as a pen-for-hire on Capitol Hill because, he says, he is a political news junkie and liked his fix to come on his doorstep in the morning.
In "Missionary Stew," he draws a satirical self-portrait of himself as Haere, a political consultant and writer: "The sad brown eyes, the weary mouth, the delicate nose and the sturdy chin had somehow melded themselves into a long-suffering look that many mistook for past tragedy, but that was actually chronic exasperation. Because of his almost saintly looks, Haere was the first person trusting strangers turned to with their tales of despair and their quest for a better life to get to Disneyland. Haere could get to be a world-class confidence man. He had instead gone into politics on the outs-and-bolts side, and nearly everyone agreed that he was the best there was at his particular specialty, which was writing letters to people and getting money back in the mail."
In the '60s, as a public relations man in London, Thomas was sent by Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne to Nigeria to "inject a little American razzmatazz" into a political campaign for Chief Obafemi Awolowo. Thomas shot the whole dose, including

skywriting, but the chief lost, was sentenced to prison for treason, made a comeback and died a year ago in bed. Out of Africa came Thomas's "The Seesucker Whipsaw," the funniest African novel since Evelyn Waugh's "Scoop."
In 1966, Thomas worked for Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson to shape into 350 concise pages the 1,000 handwritten pages about the workings of the Cosa Nostra, written by Joseph Valachi, a mobster protected by the FBI. Thomas got at least two books out of the Pearson/Anderson assignment. "The Singapore Wink" and "If You Can't Be Good..."
Earlier, Thomas was an American Armed Forces Network correspondent in Frankfurt and Bonn, the background for his first novel, "The Cold War Swap,"

paper and magazine clippings ("she's the best researcher in the world").
Thomas may be the first man ever saved from drinking, smoking and gulping black coffee by becoming a novelist.
You can chart his road to abstention through his 21 books, from the hard drinking in a Berlin bar in "The Cold War Swap" (even Thomas says "nobody ever drank as much as that") to the delicate sherry in the paneled office in "Out on the Rim." He quit drinking in 1961, but he has had a few lapses since. A binge would last a week or 10 days. But he found that drinking interfered with his writing. And-13 or so years ago, he decided he'd rather write than drink.

Three years ago, he stopped smoking three packs of Pall Malls a day. Though he finds it rather silly "for a grown man to walk down the street chewing gum," he's now a chain nicotine-gum chewer.
Along his way to sainthood, he's almost quit drinking coffee, down to one cup a day from 10 or 15. "I have no remaining bad habits," he says with regret. "Or I wouldn't if I could quit eating."
To all this virtue, he adds five or six hours of writing a day, six days a week. "And now I have 21 books to show for it. And I haven't had to teach." This is no small boast, in a country where less than 5 percent of novelists are said to earn a living from their books. All his books have been optioned for the movies (though only one has been filmed, "St. Ives," with Charles Bronson). He's written 10 or 12 screenplays of his own books, other people's books ("Hammett" in which, he says, he played a bit role as a "pervert" and an ornate cocooner). In California he's gained a reputation as a script doctor — a man who for a suitable number of zeros after a figure will, in a weekend, transform a dud of a television episode into a witty "Hardcastle & McCormack" show.
And what will happen next? Well, he has another book coming out of his typewriter. But just what he plans to do, he leaves, well, ambiguous, like the endings of his books. "I always like to leave some question, not as to what has happened, but what will."

PEOPLE

Writers Denounce Lack Of Toni Morrison Prizes

Forty-eight U.S. black writers and critics have signed a statement deploring the fact that Toni Morrison has not won a National Book Award or the Pulitzer Prize — something they attribute to "oversight and harmful whimsy." Described by its authors as a tribute to Morrison, and written partly in the form of an open letter to her, the statement will be published in The New York Times Book Review of Jan. 24. In a companion piece, the poet June Jordan and the critic Houston A. Baker Jr., who joined in the tribute to Morrison, deplore the failure of James Baldwin, who died last month, to receive either "Beloved," Morrison's most recent novel, about the remembrance of a former slave in post-Civil War Ohio, was a finalist for both the National Book Award, which was won by "Paco's Story" by Larry Heinemann, and the National Book Critics Circle Award, which was won by "The Counterspell" by Philip Roth. Morrison's novel "Song of Solomon" won the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction in 1977. Nevertheless, the signers say that because of her failure to receive either or both of the other awards, "she has set for herself the national recognition that her five major works of fiction entirely deserve."

Martha Graham is feeling fine and may be released from the hospital soon, a spokeswoman for her dance company says. The 93-year-old choreographer was admitted for tests Sunday to a New York hospital after she became dizzy and slightly nauseous.
The American trumpeter George Colar ended a concert tour of Thailand with an instrument fit for a king — a gift from King Bhumibol Adulyadej, a jazz lover. Thai and U.S. officials said the monarch gave 79-year-old Colar, of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans, a French-made Conn trumpet as a memento of a palace jam session which followed the band's weekend concert in Bangkok.
A monument to Janis Joplin, who would have been 45 years old Tuesday, is being dedicated in her hometown of Port Arthur, Texas. Joplin died 17 years ago of a drug overdose.

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